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WIRES: AFTERNOON WIRES EX CAIRO. SCHWEID LEADS HAK ARRIVES IN CAIRO FOR A FAST TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST THAT WILL TEST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HIS PERSONAL DIPLOMACY AND ASSES PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS HOLDING OFF ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID HAK'S TASK WAS COMPLICATED BY NEWLY OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS BY SOVIET UNION. THE NEW SOVIET TACTICS APPEARED TO BE SIGNED BY A SOVIET COMMENTATOR, IGOR BELAYEV, INTERVIEWED BY THE BEIRUT UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWSPAPER, "AN NAHAR." SCHWEID CONTINUES: HAK APPEARED TO BE PINNING HIS HOPES ON SADAT'S POSSIBLE INTEREST IN TRYING FOR AN INTERIM SINAI SETTLEMENT IN ADVANCE OF RECONVENING THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. UPI LEADS: HAK BEGAN A

LIGHTENING FIVE-NATION TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO ASSESS THE PROSPECTS FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN WAKE OF RABAT SUMMIT. STRAIGHT-FORWARD COVERAGE OF CAIRO ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

TV:

ABC NEWS: REASONER, AFTER FILMED REPORT BY GEORGE WATSON ON WORLD HUNGER, HAD THIS 7 MINUTES INTO PROGRAM:

"DELEGATES FROM MORE THAN 100 NATIONS WERE THERE TODAY AS THE 12-DAY CONFERENCES OPENED. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WAS THERE TO ADDRESS THE OPENING SESSION AND TO MAKE AN APPEAL."

KOPPEL: "SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS SPEECH FOR WEEKS, AND KISSINGER REGARDS IT AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HE'S EVER DELIVERED."

KISSINGER: "WE NEED TO ADDRESS MAN'S MOST FUNDAMENTAL NEED: THE THREAT OF FAMINE, THE FACT OF HUNGER, HAVE HAUNTED MEN AND NATIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. OUR PRESENCE HERE IS RECOGNITION THAT THIS ETERNAL PROBLEM HAS NOW TAKEN ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE AND URGENCY AND THAT IT CAN BE DEALT WITH ONLY BE A CONCERTED, WORLDWIDE ACTION."

KOPPEL: "BUT WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PART OF KISSINGER'S SPEECH WAS HIS PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD FOOD RESERVES."

KISSINGER: "A WORLDWIDE RESERVE OF AS MUCH AS 60 MILLION TONS OF FOOD ABOVE PRESENT CARRY-OVER LEVELS MAY BE NEEDED TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FOOD SECURITY."

KOPPEL: "THE QUESTION THAT REMAINS UNANSWERED IS WHO, IN THE UNITED STATES FOR EXAMPLE, WILL ADMINISTER THE AMERICAN FOOD STOCKPILE, GOVERNMENT OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR? AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IF THESE NATIONALLY HELD RESERVES ARE TO MEET GLOBAL NEEDS WHICH INTERNATIONAL BODY WILL DECIDE WHAT SIZE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE MADE AND IN WHAT QUANTITY AND TO WHOM. AND WHAT OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC, WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN AT ALL? KISSINGER ACKNOWLEDGED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS, BUT REFUSED TO BE AWED BY THEM."

KISSINGER: "WE CANNOT TURN BACK, OR TURN AWAY. 'HUMAN REASON,' THOMAS MANN WROTE, 'NEEDS ONLY TO WILL MORE STRONGLY THAN FATE, AND IT IS FATE.'"

REASONER ALSO MENTIONED BRIEFLY HAK FLYING INTO CAIRO TONIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD THE PROSPECTS FOR ME

PEACE. COUPLED THIS STATEMENT WITH RABIN COMMENTS BEFORE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT REJECTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO.

NBC: CHANCELOR, FIVE MINUTES INTO PROGRAM: "THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE OPENED TODAY IN ROME. IT'S A MEETING UPON WHICH THE FATE OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD MAY DEPEND, AND IT'S BEING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED COUNTRIES, COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT AND COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT.

"THE FOOD CONFERENCE WILL LAST ELEVEN DAYS, AND TODAY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ADDRESSED THE OPENING SESSION."

DAVID BURRINGTON BY SATELLITE FROM ROME: "NO MATTER THAT HENRY KISSINGER CAME HERE ON A FRIENDLY MISSION, TO HELP FEED STARVING PEOPLE; HE STILL HAD MAXIMUM SECURITY. POLICE TOOK NO CHANCES. IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO THAT KISSINGER SUGGESTED THIS CONFERENCE; SINCE THEN THE FOOD SITUATION HAS GOTTEN SO MUCH WORSE THAT DELEGATES ARE TALKING ABOUT AN IMMINENT CATASTROPHE. THE IMMEDIATE CAUSES ARE WELL KNOWN: DROUGHT, FLOODS, INCREASED PRICES. ALL THIS HAS ALREADY LEFT A HALF BILLION PEOPLE ON THE BRINK OF STARVATION, ACCORDING TO EXPERTS. KISSINGER CALLED FOR A JOINT WORLD EFFORT AND SAID THAT AMERICA WOULD DO ITS PART.

(KISSINGER ON CAMERA, PARAGRAPH 5 OF SPEECH: "WE RECOGNIZE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE RESPONSIBILITIES . . . THAT OUR CHILDREN INHERIT . .
..")

BURRINGTON: "KISSINGER WENT ON TO OUTLINE A BROAD PROGRAM FOR WORLD GRAIN RESERVES AND FOR MASSIVE TECHNICAL HELP SO THAT POOR COUNTRIES CAN GROW MORE FOOD. BUT HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR TOTAL COOPERATION AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE NEWLY RICH OIL COUNTRIES MUST DO THEIR SHARE. HIS SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED, THOUGH MUCH HAGGLING LIES AHEAD.

"THE KISSINGER VISIT WAS PUNCTUATED BY SEVERAL UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS, INCLUDING THE FIRE-BOMBING OF THE AMERICAN OFFICE HERE OF HONEYWELL. ABOUT 20 LEFT-WING YOUNGSTERS INVADDED THE BUILDING AND SET THE FIRE; SEVERAL PEOPLE HAD TO BE RESCUED. THEN TONIGHT, THE COMMUNIST PARTY HELD AN ANTI-KISSINGER RALLY CHARGING THAT THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WAS MEDDLING IN THE ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS. SEVERAL THOUSAND PARTY MEMBERS SHOWED UP FOR THE EVENT. THERE IS SOME FEAR THAT THIS AGITATED POLITICAL CLIMATE WILL BE REFLECTED AT THE FOOD CONFERENCE ITSELF, THAT IT WILL BECOME A POLITICAL DEBATE. IF THAT HAPPENS, DIPLOMATS SAY, THE EFFORT TO FEED STARVING PEOPLE COULD TURN INTO

JUST ANOTHER SHOUTING CONTEST."

CHANCELLOR: "EVEN BEFORE THE ROME CONFERENCE OPENED, THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WERE LOOKING TOWARD THE UNITED STATES TO CREATE HUGE STOCKPILES OF GRAIN. STOCKPILING BY THIS COUNTRY IS A SUBJECT OF GREAT CONTROVERSY BOTH HERE AND ABROAD."

IRVING R. LEVINE THEN GAVE A LONGISH ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND ITS DIFFICULTIES OVER THE PAST YEAR WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL RECORDED REMARKS BY BUTZ ON STOCKPILING: "WHEN I BECAME SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE THREE YEARS AGO IT WAS COSTING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ONE MILLION DOLLARS A DAY TO STORE THE INVENTORIES WE HAD. THEY WERE A BURDEN ON THE MARKET, THEY WERE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO ALL OF US. IF WE GIVE NATIONS WHEAT, WE WILL FEED THEM FOR THIS WHEAT SEASON. IF WE TEACH THEM HOW TO INCREASE PRODUCTION WE WILL ALLOW THEM THE MEANS TO EAT ON AND ON AND FEED THEMSELVES. I THINK THE US POSITION WILL ENCOUNTER SOME HOSTILITY. SOME OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE BECOME UNCLASSIFIED

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COMFORTABLE DEPENDING ON THE US CARRYING THE INVENTORY FOR THEM. AND I THINK THEY HAVE COME TO EXPECT THAT OF US, AS THEIR GOD-GIVEN RIGHT." ALL OF THE ABOVE AND LEVINE'S OWN COMMENTS WERE CAST AGAINST ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF THE US, AS PRESENTED BY HAK BEFORE UN, FAVORING A STOCKPILING RESERVE PROGRAM.

CHANCELLOR ALSO REMARKED THAT THE CHANCES FOR A ME PEACE LOOKED GLOOMY THIS WEEK WHICH IS WHY SECRETARY KISSINGER FLEW BACK TO CAIRO TODAY. SWITCH TO VALERIANI AT PLANE-SIDE IN ROME. (PARAPHRASE) KISSINGER WAS FLYING TO CAIRO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, HIS NINTH VISIT THERE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND 200,000 MILES LATER. HIS FIRST VISIT WAS TO STOP THE WAR; NOW IT IS TO STOP ANOTHER WAR FROM BREAKING OUT. SO HE IS ENGAGED IN A SORT OF SALVAGE OPERATION TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS MOVING FORWARD. TOTAL TAKE LESS THAN ONE MINUTE.

CBS, CRONKITE EVENING NEWS: MARVIN KALB: "KISSINGER WAS THE KEY-NOTE SPEAKER, THIS CONFERENCE AN AMERICAN IDEA. FOOD, NO LESS THAN FUEL, HAS NOW BECOME A GLOBAL PROBLEM REQUIRING GLOBAL SOLUTIONS. KISSINGER APPEALED TO THE FOOD PRODUCERS TO BOOST THEIR OUTPUT AND NOW POOL THEIR RESERVES IN A NEW INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO DEFEAT HUNGER AND FAMINE. HE QUICKLY PLEDGED AMERICA'S HELP."

KISSINGER: (ON FILM) "... TO MATCH ITS CAPACITY TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CHALLENGE. ..."

KALB: "KISSINGER EXHORTED EVERYONE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE."

KISSINGER: (ON FILM) SUGGESTED THAT "THE TRADITIONAL DONORS AND THE NEW FINANCIAL POWERS PARTICIPATING IN THE COORDINATING GROUP FOR FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE FOOD AND FUNDS REQUIRED."

KALB: "KISSINGER, WHO MAINTAINED HIS BUSY PACE HERE, CONFERRING WITH TOP ITALIAN LEADERS AND WITH THE POPE, DOES NOT EXPECT INSTANT RESULTS. HE KNOWS THAT HIS FOOD-SHARING PROPOSALS ARE VAGUE, AND HE KNOWS THAT THE COMMUN-
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ISTS OPPOSE THEM. HE DID WANT TO SET A GENERAL DIRECTION FOR CONQUERING WHAT HE CALLS 'THE SCOURGE OF HUNGER.'" THE NEXT WEEK OR SO WILL DETERMINE WHETHER EVEN THIS MODEST GOAL WILL BE MET."

CHARLES KURALT, CBS CRONKITE SHOW, 30-SECONDS INTO PROGRAM: "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S ME PEACE BLITZ HAS BEGUN AGAIN. TONIGHT HE IS IN CAIRO AND TOMORROW HE PLANS QUICK TRIPS -- VERY QUICK TRIPS -- TO SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, SYRIA AND ISRAEL. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT MET TUESDAY WITH ARAFAT AND THEN HELD AN EVENING MEETING WITH KISSINGER. ALTHOUGH KISSINGER AND ARAFAT SAY THEY'VE NEVER MET EACH OTHER, THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME THEY'VE BEEN IN CAIRO AT THE SAME TIME, WHICH HAS GIVEN RISE TO SPECULATION THAT THERE MAY BE SOME COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEM AFTER ALL."

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